

Remarks

Claims 29, 45, 48, 53 and 64 have been amended.

Claims 1, 9, 12, 34-43, 49-52, 54-63 and 65 have been allowed. The Examiner also mentioned that claim 8 was allowed, but failed to mention claim 5 was allowed. However, claim 8 was previously canceled and claim 5 was previously allowed. Applicant believes that the Examiner mistakenly listed canceled claim 8 as allowed, while intending to list previously allowed claim 5 as allowed and, therefore, will treat claim 5 as allowed.

The Examiner has also stated that claims 46, 47 and 66 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended claim 29 to include the features of claim 46, which has been deleted. Amended claim 29 thus represents deleted claim 46 in independent form and is thus believed to be allowable, as is its dependent claim 48. Likewise, claims 45 and 53 have been amended to include the features of dependent claims 47 and 66, respectively, which have been deleted. Claims 45 and 53 thus represent claims 47 and 66 in independent form and thus are also believed allowable. Claim 64 has been amended to include features like those recited in deleted dependent claim 47. Thus, claim 64 has features that parallel amended claim 45. Amended claim 64 is therefore also believed to be allowable.

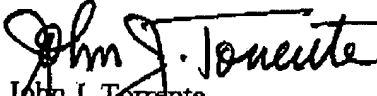
All claims remaining in the application, i.e., claims 1, 5, 9, 12, 29, 34-43, 45, 48, 49-52, 53, 54-63, 64 and 65 are thus now allowable or have been previously allowed. Accordingly,

reconsideration of the claims and passage of same to issue is respectfully requested.

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